MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir, I want to know whether Government will allow any officer to work besides office hours for an extra allowance if he says that he will attend to extra work besides office hours?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I did not say so, Sir. I merely said that the present officer may be working outside office hours.

Contracts for the supply or repair of articles of furniture for the Huzur Office during 1103-1107.

367. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of persons to whom contracts were given for the supply or repair of furniture for the Huzur Office from Chingom 1103 to Meenam 1107 ; and

(*b*) whether tenders were called for before these contracts were given?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1. P. W. D. Workshops.
2. Krishnan Asari.
3. Sankaran Maistri.
4. Mullamangalam Works.
5. Netto Bros.
6. Dominic D' Cruz.

(*b*) Yes, except in 4 cases when there was not sufficient time to call for tenders and where the rules do not require it.

Prescription of "Tamilakkiam" as a text-book for the Vernacular Higher Examination.

368. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware :—

(*a*) that "*Tamilakkiam*" was prescribed as one of the text-books for the Tamil Vernacular Higher Examination of 1106 or 1107 ; and

(*b*) that the book was not published or printed before the Text-Book Committee prescribed it as a text-book?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.

Re-entertainment of Mr. Krishna Pillai retired Assistant Engineer.

369. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which Mr. G. Krishna Pillai, Assistant Engineer, P.W. Department, retired from service ;

(*b*) his examination and other qualifications ;

(*c*) whether subsequent to his retirement from service, they have entrusted him with, or deputed him for, any work ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, for what work

(*e*) the reason for thus re-entertaining an officer who has retired from service ; and

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